

Long Story Short:
The Andrew Ditch Timeline Project
Years: 2005 - 2017

2005 January 21 - A counseling assessment from Stanley G. Falk School described Andrew's performance, noting that he had missed 37 days of school, had not taken his midterms, and was failing all of his core classes ([Stanley G. Falk School Counseling Assessment, January 2005](#) / [Archive](#)).

2005 April - In a psychological evaluation, Andrew bragged to the interviewer about his involvement with the court system, stating, "They can't do anything to me" ([Stanley G. Falk School Psychological Evaluation, April 2005](#) / [Archive](#)).

2005 June 7 - Andrew turned 20 years old.

2005 July - Andrew lived on his own in an apartment for approximately a year and a half ([Video Link](#), Timestamp: 2:10). According to his parents, he was evicted for not paying rent.

"Thomas and Janet [Andrew's parents] report that despite his IQ, Andrew is capable of having a job (has worked in the past), owning his own apartment (but purposely did not pay rent in order to get evicted to try to live with his parents again) [...]" ([ECMC Mental Health Assessment, November 2018](#) / [Archive](#)).

October 2005 - Andrew claimed he was hit by a car while biking to his job at McDonald's ([Video Link](#), Timestamp: 22:13).



"He [Andrew] was riding his bike on Hinds over by the apartment [...] He got hit by a vehicle, hit and run [...] his whole face was bashed up and everything and we had to call the police and ambulance to get him to the hospital [...] They said, well, other than the bruises, bleeding and probably a concussion, he should be ok, and ever since we always questioned whether or not he had brain damage" ([Video Link](#), Timestamp: 9:12).

"I was let go [from McDonald's] not because I wanted to, but because I was hit by a car while riding my bike and suffered a major head injury" ([Link](#) / [Archive](#)).

It is unclear whether Andrew was hit by a car or fell from his bike, as he himself stated the police report indicated that he fell from his bike:

"After the accident, I either fell off the bike, which I will tell you that the police report says that, I truly believe that I could have fall off the bike. I have a history of falling off the bike, running into things, and, you know, when I was driving my bike and trouble balance, I get that. I do not believe it was that" ([Video Link](#), Timestamp: 7:44).

2005 October - Andrew began working at Wendy's and remained employed there until March 2006 ([Video Link](#), Timestamp: 4:49). He stated that he was "on leave, not fired" due to "issues with his behavior" ([Video Link](#), Timestamp: 6:42).

2005 December 20 - Andrew was taken to Erie County Medical Center (ECMC) for a psychiatric ER visit (details unknown) ([SPOA Referral. Client History Records. Page 19 / Archive](#)).

2006 (Exact Date Unknown) - Andrew "was court-ordered for anger management after being charged with an assault on his brother" ([Doctor Follow Up Note. April 2009 / Archive](#)).

2006 July - Andrew briefly worked at Tops grocery store ([Video Link](#), Timestamp: 1:09).

2006 October - November - Andrew was employed at Burger King for one month ([Video Link](#), Timestamp: 1:09).

2008 November 11 - Psychiatric assessments documented that Andrew had been diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder and that he accepted the diagnosis at that time:

"The patient listed his problems as follows: schizoaffective disorder, bipolar type" ([Initial Psychiatric Assessment, November 2008 / Archive](#)).

Andrew was taking both Abilify and LiCO3 (lithium) to manage his schizoaffective disorder ([Initial Psychiatric Assessment, November 2008 / Archive](#)).

2009 (Exact Date Unknown) - Andrew worked at Wendy's part-time until 2010 ([Link / Archive](#), [Video Link](#), Timestamp: 2:27).

2009 April 14 - A doctor's note showed the first known instance of Andrew suggesting autism as a possible diagnosis:

"The patient raises interesting questions about his clinical history, mainly the cyclicity of his mood. The question of whether he has an 'autistic spectrum disorder.' There is, however, reports in the chart suggesting that there were aggressive behavior patterns in childhood and possible learning disabilities and cognitive issues" ([Doctor Follow Up Note, April 2009 / Archive](#)).

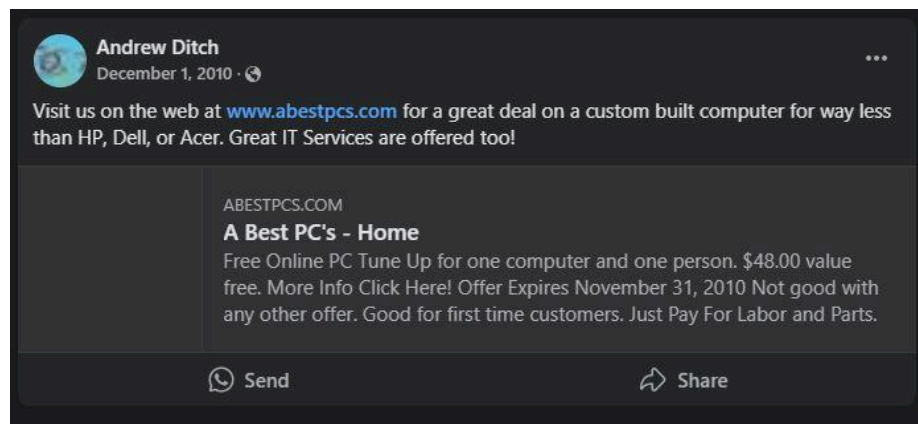
2009 May 13 - Medical records documented an early instance of Andrew sabotaging efforts to place him in a group home:

"What I have discovered today and Ms. Strasser will need to evaluate, is that he has made statements in the past that have jeopardized his ability to go into a group home. For example, that he had inappropriately touched his brother that he denies. He also has an overactive bladder and enuresis and that, of course, constitutes yet another area of concern" ([Doctor Follow Up Note, May 2009](#) / [Archive](#)).

Please note: Andrew was likely aware that some group homes or similar living arrangements do not accept individuals who cannot manage their incontinence or are known to be sexually aggressive. This may explain why Andrew was making statements regarding his enuresis and claiming that he sexually abused his brother.

2009 November 1 - Andrew was admitted to ECMC Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP) for suicidal threats. His records state that he was "upset about dinner and voiced vague suicidal ideation" ([ECMC CPEP Record, November 2009](#) / [Archive](#)).

2010 (Exact Date Unknown) - Andrew began his computer repair business, A Best PC's. The earliest documentation of A Best PC's existence is a December 1, 2010, Facebook post in which Andrew shared a link to the A Best PC's website ([Link](#) / [Archive](#)).



Please note: While Andrew currently downplays his involvement in running A Best PC's, claiming it was just a hobby and not a business ([Video Link](#), Timestamp: 1:12), significant documentation exists which proves otherwise ([Video Link](#) / [Archive](#)).

2010 February 16 - Andrew was transported to ECMC CPEP on a 9.41 hold after an argument with his mother, which began because she and his father would not take him where he wanted to go ([ECMC CPEP Record, February 2010](#) / [Archive](#)). He called the police, claiming that his mother, Jan, had hit him ([ECMC CPEP Record, February 2010](#) / [Archive](#)). Records also noted that Andrew had not been taking his psychoactive medications at the time ([ECMC CPEP Record, February 2010](#) / [Archive](#)).

Please note: A 9.41 code indicates that police involuntarily transported a patient for psychiatric evaluation due to lethality issues (stating they intend to harm themselves or others).

2010 April 10 - Andrew was taken to ECMC CPEP on a 9.41 hold after getting into an argument with his parents “because [his] food was burnt and cold” ([ECMC CPEP Record, April 2010](#) / [Archive](#)). Andrew also called the police on his father, Tom, claiming that he believed Tom was going to pull out a knife and use it against him ([ECMC CPEP Record, April 2010](#) / [Archive](#)). By this time, Andrew was no longer regularly taking his psychoactive medications:

“[...] states misses medications sometimes d/t [due to] forgetting and worries about weight gain. Collateral from parents state pt [patient] impulsivity/agitation worse when off meds, interested in pt [patient] getting long acting forms of meds” ([ECMC CPEP Record, April 2010](#) / [Archive](#)).

2010 June 7 - Andrew turned 25 years old.

2010 July 20 - Andrew arrived at ECMC CPEP after two incidents of self-harm: attempting to overdose on pills and making superficial cuts on his arm with a knife. He stated that he did this because his parents wouldn't buy him food ([ECMC CPEP Record, July 2010](#) / [Archive](#)).

“Mother states [...] she spends about 600 dollars a week on his eating habits” ([ECMC CPEP Record, July 2010](#) / [Archive](#)).

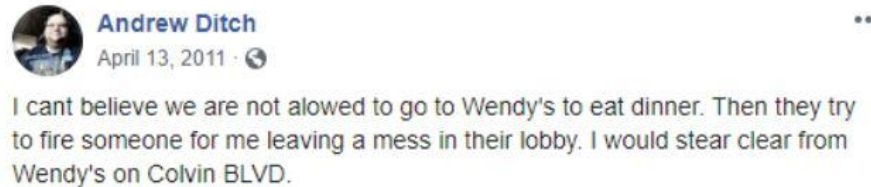
2011 February 9 - A snapshot of Andrew's website, Andy's Weather Site, was first archived on Archive.org. The capture shows that the website offered forecasts, “weather pix,” and a recipe for “Andy's Famous Chili” ([Archive](#)).

2011 February 12 - Andrew shared the following photo on Facebook ([Link](#) / [Archive](#)):

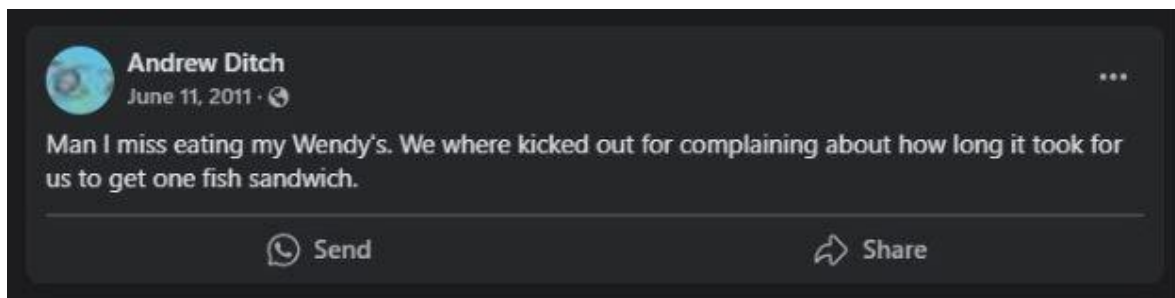


2011 March 7 - Andrew had shoulder surgery (Links: [1](#), [2](#) / Archived Links: [1](#), [2](#)).

2011 April 13 - Andrew was banned from Wendy's after "leaving a mess in their lobby" ([Link](#) / [Archive](#)).



2011 June 11 - Andrew made the following post on Facebook ([Link](#) / [Archive](#)):



2011 December 7 - Andrew was taken to ECMC CPEP for evaluation after a physical fight with his brother and an argument with his father over a vacuum, during which Andrew threatened to cut off his mother's hands ([ECMC CPEP Assessment, December 2011](#) / [Archive](#)).

- "He [Andrew] said, 'I apparently made statements that I will cut off my mother's hands' and that's why she called the police" ([ECMC CPEP Assessment, December 2011](#) / [Archive](#)).
- "Spoke to mother Janet who reported that Mr. Ditch is increasingly becoming demanding and threatening. He made statements about cutting her hands. He has not been taking his medication and when he doesn't have things done his way he becomes threatening. He refuses to eat at the house, doesn't help with household work, throws things around" ([ECMC CPEP Assessment, December 2011](#) / [Archive](#)).

2012 July - August - Andrew worked at Walmart for one month ([Video Link](#), Timestamp: 1:09).

2012 October 4 - Andrew created a YouTube channel for A Best PC's ([Link](#) / [Archive](#)).

Please note: An archive of Andrew's videos from his A Best PC's channel can be found at [ABestPCs - Life Before Faking Autism](#).

2013 January 17 - Andrew uploaded a short video asking people to subscribe to his YouTube channel and his Tech Times newsletter ([Video Link](#)). In the video, he described himself as, “more than capable and more credible than most people on YouTube at computer repair and other IT needs” ([Video Link](#), Timestamp: 0:27).

2013 December 24 - Jan suffered a heart attack. As Andrew recounted it:

“2013 Christmas Eve, my mom had a heart attack. The worst Christmas gift ever” ([Video Link](#), Timestamp: 3:45).

2014 February - Andrew created an X account for A Best PC's ([Link](#) / [Archive](#)).

2014 April 24 - Under the username abestpcs, Andrew created an account on ADISC.org, an “AB/DL/IC support community” ([Link](#) / [Archive](#)). He categorized himself on his profile as both a “diaper lover” and “incontinent.”

Please note: The abbreviation AB/DL/IC in the context of ADISC.org means “Adult Baby / Diaper Lover / Incontinent.”

2014 July 6 - Andrew uploaded two videos of the Fourth of July fireworks in Tonawanda (Video Links: [1](#), [2](#)).

2014 July 28 - Andrew created a second YouTube channel for A Best PC's ([Link](#) / [Archive](#)).

2015 (Exact Date Unknown) - Andrew left a one-star Google review for a local Tim Hortons after they did not hire him:

“[...] my diet Pepsi was regular and was half full, and it looked like someone spitted on my brothers sandwich, we had a bite missing from his cinnamon roll. [...] How is this sanitary? Do not eat at this dump, it is just like they wouldn't higher me to work for them, because I told the manager that I am food safety orientated and customer friendly” ([Screenshot](#) / [Archive](#)).

Please note: The screenshot linked above was taken in 2020.

2015 (Exact Date Unknown) - Andrew left a one-star Google review for a local Wendy's restaurant where he had previously worked. He stated the following:

“[...] we started to give our order when the Rug Rat Angelica came out of the office screaming and swearing that the police were on there way to arrest us for trust passing. [...] but my mom and I where summons a court ticket. [...] I seen where there were rats, skunks, and other rodents in the restaurant” ([Screenshot](#)).

Please note: The screenshot linked above was taken in 2020.

2015 May 18 - Officer Bentley pulled over Andrew's father for failing to use his turn signal ([Archive](#)).

2015 June 7 - Andrew turned 30 years old.

2016 March 23 - Andrew obtained a learner's permit ([Screenshot](#)):



2016 March 28 - Andrew created a page titled *I am 30 and recently diagnosed with ASD!* on [Medhelp.org](#). In an autobiographical post, Andrew discussed several things he had been able to do but now claims he cannot, including the following ([Link](#) / [Archive](#)):

- Driving: *"Yes I do drive, and feel comfortable doing so [...] I do notice riding in the car or driving does relax me a lot."*
- Owning a Computer Repair Business: *"Did I mention I am very good with computers, I actually own a computer repair business despite not making any money on this."*
- Working at McDonalds for Three Years: *"The best job I had was working at McDonald's while in school. I was in training to be a manager and worked there for over 3 years."*
- Learning Independently: *"I was a certified CompTIA A+ but was expired in last December. I self-trained myself this."*

2016 November 22 - Andrew uploaded a video where Tom played the guitar ([Video Link](#)). In the video, Andrew was calm and showed interest while Tom played, which stands in stark contrast to how Andrew would react to Tom playing the guitar in later videos.

2016 December 4 - Andrew's brother, Joe, was involved in a car accident. Both Joe and a second person were taken to DeGraff Memorial Hospital for evaluation ([Link](#) / [Archive](#)).



The above photo, provided by Andrew, shows Joe's vehicle after the accident, with Tom in the background.

2017 August 17 - Neuropsychologist Dr. Michael Santa Maria diagnosed Andrew with Schizoaffective Disorder, Depressive Type.

Dr. Santa Maria stated the following regarding this diagnosis:

- "Mr. Ditch is well known to me from a prior evaluation completed 8/17/17; at the time impressions included Schizoaffective Disorder, Depressive Type, absence of an Autism Spectrum Disorder" ([Dr. Santa Maria's Assessment, November 2018](#) / [Archive](#)).
- "The clinical history dictated in my initial report of 8/17/17 particularly on pages 1 and 2 is reflective of prominent thought disturbance of a nature not characteristic of an ASD" ([Dr. Santa Maria's Assessment, November 2018](#) / [Archive](#)).

2017 September 25 - Andrew uploaded a video ([Video Link](#)) where he spoke about having autism, how professionals accused him of faking incontinence for attention, and how Tom mocked him by saying, "I'm the diaper man, yeah!" ([Video Link](#), Timestamp: 22:44).

2017 October - Richard Wolin, MD, changed Andrew's diagnosis to autism:

"Dr Wolin changed Andy's diagnosis to autism in OCT 2017 and removed schizoaffective d/o [disorder] as of June 2018 due to believing that Autism is the primary dx [diagnosis]" ([Horizon Corporations Mental Health Discharge Summary, August 2018](#) / [Archive](#)).

Please note: Andrew often cites this as proof that he has autism. However, Dr. Wolin is a medical doctor and not qualified to diagnose autism or schizoaffective disorder.